

## Twp. Residents Complain Of Poor Road Conditions

Several Farmington Township residents appeared at the Township Board meeting Monday night, May 13, to voice objection to the condition of the roads in their subdivisions.

They were told by the Board that since the County Road Commission has jurisdiction over all roads, the Township can only act as a liaison agent between

residents and the Road Commission.

Although the complaining residents waited until the question and answer period of the Board's meeting, Trustees Floyd Jaye and Byron Walter had in mind the subject of bad needed road repairs earlier and it was pointed out at that time, by Supervisor Hall and Clerk

Floyd Cairns, the Township, under a statute of the Michigan legislature, has no jurisdiction in this area.

JAYE, WHO IS a resident of Kendallwood, and Walter, who lives in Kimberley Subdivision, both reported roads were in dangerously poor condition at several locations in their respective subdivisions. Supervisor Hall said the County Road Commission had been notified of the worst situations and had promised repair crews would be sent out to work at these locations.

Martin Gluckstein, Stan Johnson and Joe Mikula were apparently not satisfied with the "promises" made to Township officials by the Road Commission. They were taken to get results. Gluckstein charged "sheer negligence" and incompetence on the part of County officials whose job it is to inspect and approve subdivision roads before they are turned over for maintenance by the Road Commission. He suggested the Township seek to regain jurisdiction over subdivision roads and make them better.

SUPERVISOR HALL replied that funds were not available for the Township to assume such a responsibility which costs the county \$80,000 a year to perform here. He also cited a one mill tax levy proposal which was turned down by Township voters last year as an instance of additional funds just not being made available for such programs.

It was suggested that badly needed repairs be made by the Township when the Road Commission doesn't answer a request for road maintenance.

Township Attorney Joseph P. Brennan pointed out that the Township has "no direct authority of any kind over roads" and

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## 113 Apts Proposed Next To American Legion Hall

PLANS FOR a 113 unit efficiency apartment development on an approximately three and one quarter acre triangular parcel of land on the south side of Grand River Avenue just west of the American Legion Hall were revealed the latter part of last week.

The plans for this development which is proposed by Thomas Duke, local builder and developer, were reviewed by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night. Since rezoning will be necessary, the planning commission took action setting up a public hearing on the proposed development for Monday, May 27, at 8:30 p.m. following its review and discussion of the plans.

A portion of the property which fronts on Grand River a distance of some 536 feet is presently zoned industrial while a portion of the property at the rear of the triangular parcel is zoned residential and parking. To permit the efficiency type of development, a change to C-2 (commercial) zoning will be necessary.

Development of the site calls for three apartment units and buildings laid out in an L-shape. One leg of this L would be along Grand River Avenue and the other extending down the long side of the triangular piece of

land on the American Legion Hall side. The area inside the L and leading down to the beach of the Rouge River which forms the one boundary of this triangular piece would be for a court area for tenants to enjoy activities outdoors during suitable seasons of the year. Parking would be provided directly off Grand River and screened with fencing.

One bedroom units, smaller in size than most of the apartments that have been constructed in this area to date, and

This would still be a high class type of development but one which would offer smaller units for those who do not need or desire as much living space as has been provided in the apartments built locally to date, Duke indicated.

No details were given as to what the general price range would be for these rental units.

## Plan to Expand Summer School; Add 2 Courses

An expanded summer school program is being planned by the Farmington public school system for this summer with pre-registration for proposed classes being conducted in all the schools in the system this week.

Actual registration will be from June 1 through 17 with classes starting on June 18 and running through August 2. Last year approximately 400 students took advantage of summer school classes which were offered for the first time and Director Richard Tyler expressed hope that enrollment would run 600 or more.

Two new courses are planned to be offered this summer. For youngsters in elementary grades 3 through 6 a class in creative drama is proposed. The class is described as one to help the youngsters in basic communication and appreciation of all areas of literature.

EACH CHILD is active every single day, the instructor states. The course will involve some creative work on paper. Most attention will be directed to oral interpretation of poetry, the discussion and acting out of short stories, pantomime situations and records, role playing and the actual participation of each child in at least two children's

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## Seek Bd. OK On Bar License Transfer Here

The transfer of a liquor license held by Giffin's House of Beef is expected to be decided on in the immediate future as the attorney for Giffin appeared at the Township Board meeting Monday night, May 13, and was assured the Board's cooperation. It was pointed out by Supervisor Hall and Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan that as long as a liquor license is used in a manner "incidental to a responsible restaurant operation" the Board has no objection, provided the State Liquor Control Commission has also granted its approval.

IN SEPARATE action, the Board approved the transfer of an SDM license to Dickie-Lou Marker, 2029 Farmington Road from Richard Scialora to Abdelnour A. Aldenour.

The Board has been requested to place on the agenda for its next meeting, May 27, consideration of the transfer of a liquor license for Howard Taylor from a location on Eight Mile Road to a proposed restaurant-cocktail lounge in the Kendallwood Shopping Center, 12-Mile and Farmington Road. Taylor was unsuccessful earlier this year in gaining acceptance to the transfer.



DID YOU KNOW that Farmington's first settler, Arthur Power, was buried 140 years ago, one year before the village was actually founded in 1824? Harley Walters, a life-long resident of the community, remembers many of the historical facts surrounding the landmarks and colorful events in Farmington's

past (read his story on page 4-B). Walters is pictured above at the grave marker of Arthur Power in the old Quaker Cemetery on Gill Road. The City Council has recently taken steps to help preserve the old burial ground which is the resting place for many of the community's early settlers.

## Local Michigan Week Activities To Interest All Are Scheduled

A full week of local activities are scheduled for next week, May 19 through 25, as Farmington joins with other communities throughout the state in the annual observance of Michigan Week.

The biggest day of activities locally will be on Friday, May 21, when Farmington plays host to leaders in local business and industry for "Our Heritage Day" festivities at historic Botsford Inn.

The formal dedication of a state historic building marker on the grounds of the inn will highlight the day's program. The dedication will be made by Dr. Lewis J. Vander-Wilde, Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan. Guest speaker for the dedication will be Secretary of State James Hare and the ceremony will be broadcast live by radio station WJR.

Starting at 11 o'clock in the morning at Botsford Inn there will be a display of both classic and antique cars. Following the formal dedication of the historic marker there will be an invitational luncheon and "Heritage" fashion show presented by Goodwill Industries. The luncheon and show will be outdoors, weather permitting.

The Clarenceville Senior High band will participate in the ceremonies.

While Friday will probably be

the biggest day of activities, interesting activities on each of the other days are also planned. These activities will be as follows:

SUNDAY: "Spiritual Foundations Day." Churches of all denominations will participate in delivering a spiritual start to

party along with Farmington City and Township officials and Farmington Michigan Week Chairman, John Anbut of Botsford Inn, will attend a joint mayors' exchange luncheon at Oakland University near Rochester.

TUESDAY: "Hospitality Day." Twenty-one Farmington civic and fraternal organizations will join for a dinner meeting at Botsford Inn at 6:30 p.m. Harley Walters of the Detroit Edifice will be the guest speaker.

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Michigan Week. Some churches are planning open house, it was indicated. Chairman of this day's activities—locally—were Elsie Johns of the Clarenceville Methodist Church.

MONDAY: "Our Government Day." As in previous years the City of Farmington will play host to a visiting mayor and Farmington's mayor will go to the city of the visiting mayor to be their guest. Farmington will exchange mayors with Beaver

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Because of the dangerously low reserve an all out push is being made to get not only the regular donors out to another local blood bank scheduled next week but also a lot of new donors.

The local bank will be on Tuesday, May 21, at the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway Street with blood to be accepted between the hours of 1:45 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7:45 p.m. in the evening.

Blood bank officials emphasize that donating a pint of blood results in no ill after-effects and takes very little time. They also make a strong point of the fact that all the money in the world cannot buy blood unless someone donates it and that none of us knows when or how suddenly we or someone near to us may need life-saving blood in a hurry.

Advanced registration for the bank is not necessary but if you wish to be scheduled at a certain time you may call GR. 4-8059 to make an appointment.

## Hearing on City Budget Tonite

A public hearing on the City of Farmington's proposed operating budget for the 1953-54 fiscal year will be held tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. in the City Hall.

The budget prepared by City Manager John Dinn and presented to members of the Council in early April for review calls for a general fund expenditure of \$466,434 for the fiscal year running from July 1, 1953 through June 30, 1954.

Just a little over \$8,000 higher than the operating budget which the city approved a year ago for operations during the current year, no increase in the present city tax rate will be necessary to satisfy the proposed 1953-54 budget. The city tax rate is \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Extra help will be hired to take care of the jobs normally handled by those people who will be making the installation of skylight covers.

In a separate motion the Board also authorized the administration to proceed in hiring a roofing consultant firm to study the condition of the roofs at Ten Mile School, Farmington Junior High, Longacre and over the gymnasium area at Farmington Senior High where more serious problems have been experienced. The consultants will be asked to make recommendations and cost estimates at each of the buildings.

Record 387 to Be Graduated from FHS

A record number will be graduated from Farmington Senior High this year.

The graduating class of 1953 will total 387 students, barring unsatisfactory completion of necessary work by some to fulfill requirements for obtaining a diploma.

The proposed graduating list was approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

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## College Proposals, Large Field of Candidates On School Ballot June 10

What appeared like a very quiet annual school election coming up on June 10 has now developed into a very interesting one with not only a lot of candidates to pick from but also three important propositions to decide on.

There are four candidates vying for the only seat on the Farmington Board of Education up for offer this year. Running against Mrs. Barbara Brown, incumbent, for a four year term of office on the seven member school board will be three newcomers to the local governmental scene.

## New Principal For Farmington Schools Named

The appointment of Weldon E. Pettz, 40, to the position of Farmington principal, to an additional elementary principalship in the Farmington public school system beginning with the 1953-54 school year was officially approved by the Board of Education Monday night.

A total of 18 candidates were considered for the job by a special committee of Board members and administrators named to consider the top candidates and make a recommendation.

PETZ, 40, is currently serving as an assistant principal at the Longfellow School in Detroit which has an enrollment of over 1800 and a faculty of 50. For nine years he has also served as summer school principal at the Bow Elementary School in Detroit.

Petz holds an elementary permanent teaching certificate from Michigan State and BS and MA degrees in education from Wayne State University. He is presently completing work on an educational specialist degree from Wayne University.

A TEACHER and administrator in the Detroit school system for the past 17 years, Pettz has been active on several committees and in several educational organizations dedicated to the betterment of the school system and educational program.

He is married and the father of two children.

No determination has yet been made with regard to what school Pettz will be assigned to as a principal.

In addition to hiring Pettz, the Board of Education also approved the appointment of 22 more school teachers in the system for the 1953-54 school year as recommended by the administration. Leaves of absence were granted to present teachers for study purposes.

Approve Purchase of Five New Bus Chassis

The purchase of five International bus chassis at a total price of \$14,016.35 or a unit cost of \$2,803.37 was approved by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night.

The International bid was the lowest in the field of bidders. Earlier action was taken on the purchase of bodies for the five new buses to be added in the system.

## 209 Junk Cars Tagged by Twp.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall reported to the Board Monday night, May 13, that 209 junk cars have been tagged by township shipping enforcement officer, and citations have been issued to their owners to have them removed.

Supervisor Hall told the Board that in addition to the junk cars which have been ordered removed, many cases of unsafe vehicles have been cleared up in the first ten days of the new crack down on violators of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

THE ZONING officer, William Taylor, will stop on full time, according to Hall, until the job is done, which may take an estimated eight months.

Early problems about securing junk dealers to handle the old cars apparently now are solved, said one dealer reported, by processing a total of 33 in one day. Also a dealer was contacted who will dismantle cars which can't be towed away.

Flood Controls Topic Tonight

Citizens in the area are invited to hear a talk tonight, Thursday, May 16, at 8 p.m. on flood controls and steps that should be taken to prevent community flooding problems.

This is the topic of the program for the regular meeting of the South Farmington Township Civic Association which will be held at the township fire station on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt Road just north of Grand River.

An authority from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will address the assembly. He will be Philip McAllister, of the planning and reports section of the engineering division.

Su Orman, association president, stated that he would not only speak on the flood control problems but also answer questions raised from the floor by those in attendance.



THIS WEEK, May 12 through 18, is being observed as Realtor Week locally across the nation by official proclamation of Mayor Robert B. Lindbert. Shows here with Mayor Lindbert, seated right, as he signed the official proclamation are (l. to r.) Marvin D. Moser, secretary of the United Northwestern

Realty Association-Western Wayne and Oakland County Board of Realtors; Blanche Gringle (seated), Kenn Loomis, Omar Sanderson and Steve Nahlin, local realtors, and Richard H. Funk, president of the UNRA-Western Wayne-Oakland County Board.

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